

AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert the following replacement paragraph, including the indicated changes, at page 14, lines 3-7:

--In addition, nucleic acid and amino acid databases (e.g., ~~GenBank~~ GENBANK[®]) can be used to identify and obtain a nucleic acid within the scope of the invention. For example, any nucleic acid sequence having some homology to a sequence set forth in the IEG nucleic acid group, or any amino acid sequence having some homology to a sequence set forth in the IEG amino acid group can be used as a query to search ~~GenBank~~ GENBANK[®].--